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## Kissing Bug

International bestseller Jill Mansell delivers a hilarious, touching tale about love and friendship

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## Kiss Band

One perfect, unforgettable kiss can change your life...

## Kiss Nails

When aspiring musician Izzy is knocked off her motorbike, she doesn't just lose her dignity--she loses both long-term boyfriends, her job, and her beautiful apartment. Gina, who caused the accident, has more important things to worry about: her husband has just deserted her for his pregnant mistress. Why should she care about Izzy? Yet somehow, Gina finds herself opening her home to Izzy and her spirited teenage daughter.

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## Kissimmee Fl

It's there that Izzy meets Gina's oldest friend, heart-stoppingly handsome Sam, whose lingering kiss is almost impossible to ignore. But there are just a few obstacles between that first kiss and the happily ever after that has always eluded her...

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## Kiss Lashes

Praise for Jill Mansell:

"Absolutely wonderful... Touching, funny, down-to-earth, and oh-so satisfying,"--Harlequin Junkie for  
This Could Change Everything

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## Kiss Kiss Bang Bang

"Engaging and entertaining... Perfect for fans of Sophie Kinsella or Marian Keyes."--Shelf Awareness for Fast Friends

"A funny, entertaining tale that will captivate you and have you asking for more."--Fresh Fiction for Sheer Mischief

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## Kiss Emoji

Well....

I must say that I have loved every book that Mansell has released so far, but this left me gobsmacked... It started off well enough, each character endearing in their own way but soon in all fell away and by the end I despised each and every one of them. I nearly put the book down several times but held faith that she would pull something out to save it. That didn't happen, unfortunately.

Glad to have this one out of the way, but disappointed in what it was - bad.

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"Kiss" follows several characters. Wanna be singer Izzy and her 17 year old daughter Kat. Gina who is newly separated. Sam who is friends with both Gina and her estranged husband. Andrew who should have been drowned at birth (estranged husband of Gina). A love interest of Sam who I can't recall and then another male character who I can't recall.

The story gets going after Gina leaves her house in tears after her husband Andrew comes home and tells her that he is leaving her for someone else. And not only that, Andrew's mistress is pregnant. Gina ends up in an accident and hits Izzy who was on her motorbike. Izzy is in her late 30s and still trying to make it as a singer. She has her 17 year old daughter Kat and two boyfriends (I think they were named Mike and Rich) and everything comes to an ugly head and I wish I could have laughed, but I honestly disliked Izzy and even Kat for making sure that the two men were unaware of each other.

Gina feeling guilty due to Izzy losing her apartment tells her that she and Kat can live with her. Then Gina's old friend turns up and moves in with them all. Then the whole book becomes a mess.

I honestly don't know what to say. Gina is awful. You are supposed to pity her. But seriously. She has no

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personality at all. She is bereft because Andrew left her, but then demands that Izzy not sleep with Sam while he lives there. It's none of her business and I would have laughed at her demands.

Izzy is also awful. Her hiding having two separate relationships made me hard sigh. She's not some teenager. She is in her late 30s. If both men knew about the other and were okay about it that be one thing. And her deciding she had a thing for Sam, but playing games so he didn't realize it and want her more? Are you serious. Also I found her whole story trajectory to be 100 percent unbelievable. The whole thing read as soap operaish in a bad way after a while.

Kat. Sigh. She's 17 and her whole "relationship" made me scream inside. Also I am guessing the age of consent in the UK is lower? Cause in America I would have hoped that her "lover" would have been reported to the police. And after that mess that goes on she has another love interest who plays mind games with her in order for her to "fall for him." Bah.

Sam. That's another no. At one point I just went what is the point of this guy and realized there really was none except for three separate women to be into him. His whole thing with Izzy was boring and the stupid why we can't really be together thing came out of nowhere.

Andrew was garbage.

The mistress was pathetic and also garbage. And there was some fat-shaming going on that made me cringe.

There are other people but my brain refuses to remember.

The writing wasn't as crisp as other Mansell books. She has definitely learned how to juggle multiple story-lines. After a while I wondered if this book was ever going to end since it just jumped from character to character with no forward movement until everyone ends up making disastrous choices. Then the book gets into what I would call it's third act and some people get their shit together and others it takes until the ending.

The ending. I just can't applaud it. Ninety-nine percent of the characters sucked and there was very little development of anyone. There also seemed to be an underlining message of lie and manipulate the person you love so that they fall for you. See Gina and Kat's "romances." ...more

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## Kiss Me Lyrics

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This appears to be a re-release of an older Jill Mansell and unfortunately, itâ€™s obvious. I love her writing for good beach reads but this one just didnâ€™t work for me. The writing is dry and stilted and I never connected with the characters. Itâ€™s very wordy and could use a good editing. Thank you to the publisher for the free review copy in exchange for my honest review.

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This was definitely not one of Jill Mansell's better books. Each character's story jumped about like a flea on a dog, with worthy details seemingly lost in transit. It was very disjointed - almost as though the story wasn't written in a steady flow. The plots effectively became very superficial and shallow. The characters and story's premise started out well, but rapidly deteriorated as the book progressed with characters seeming to suffer personality changes, to the extent whereby halfway through the book, none of them were particularly likeable. Yet another JM story starring a single mother whose appalling alley cat behaviour is topped only when she has the gall to publicly slap her daughter's face for exhibiting a bit of the same. From that point, I skimmed through to the finish. Really disappointing. ...more

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